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Note to Survey Respondents: Results of many surveys we conduct throughout the year are included in this report! Most survey results are not published individually. **Thank you** for taking the time to complete our surveys!

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Pennsylvania during February 2008 totaled 843 million pounds, 2.6 percent above last February's production of 822 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 551,000 head, down 1,000 from January 2008 although, up 3,000 from February 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,530 pounds in February, 100 pounds less than January's production per cow of 1,630 pounds but, 30 pounds per cow more than February 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major states surveyed during February 2008 totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.0 percent compared to production in these same states during February 2007. January revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from January 2007. Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,653 pounds for February, 69 pounds above February 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.42 million head, 136,000 head more than February 2007, and 9,000 head less than January 2008.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 170 million pounds, 12.7 percent above January 2007 and 20.9 percent above December 2007. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 810 million pounds, 1.9 percent below January 2007 and 4.0 percent below December 2007. Italian type cheese production totaled 350 million pounds, 1.1 percent below January 2007 and 1.9 percent below December 2007. American type cheese production totaled 334 million pounds, 2.7 percent below January 2007 and 0.2 percent below December 2007. Frozen products: (comparisons with January 2007) Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 62.8 million gallons, down 3.1 percent. Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 25.4 million gallons, down 4.8 percent. Sherbet (hard) --- 3.84 million gallons, up 16.1 percent. Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 3.56 million gallons, down 22.4 percent.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	6,891	7,810	9,061
Ice Cream	2,701	2,054	2,210
UNITED STATES			
Butter	151,030	140,732	170,183
Cheese:			
American Types	343,095	334,511	333,676
Swiss	26,827	27,031	26,681
Brick and Muenster	8,819	9,366	8,562
Cream and Neufchatel	55,172	76,636	48,798
Mozzarella	279,383	285,942	279,334
Other Italian	74,206	70,532	70,473
Total Italian Types	353,589	356,474	349,807
All Other	23,214	25,177	26,295
Total	825,969	843,704	810,019
NF Dry Milk, Human	108,849	107,232	119,385
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	286,256	273,013	296,146
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	64,840	52,505	62,848
Ice Cream, Lowfat	26,726	23,185	25,441
Ice Cream, Nonfat	1,205	884	951
Sherbet, Hard	3,311	3,360	3,844
Frozen Yogurt, Total	4,589	3,399	3,561
FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	36,443	28,127	34,364
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	15,211	13,251	14,391
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	720	476	561
Sherbet Mix	2,533	2,041	2,516
Yogurt Mix	2,781	2,060	2,158

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
Milk Cows	Thous.	548	552	551	8,286	8,413	8,422
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,500	1,630	1,530	1,584	1,746	1,653
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	822	900	843	13,125	14,488	13,919

Pennsylvania: Barley - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2007 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	2,200	1,500	84.0	126,000	
Armstrong	500	400	51.8	20,700	
Bedford	1,500	800	63.0	50,400	
Berks	4,400	3,200	77.2	247,000	
Blair	800	600	80.7	48,400	
Butler	500	400	51.5	20,600	
Cambria	500	400	52.8	21,100	
Chester	1,900	1,800	87.2	156,900	
Cumberland	3,200	2,300	71.1	163,500	
Dauphin	1,000	900	77.8	70,000	
Franklin	6,300	5,100	82.0	418,200	
Fulton	1,600	1,000	57.0	57,000	
Indiana	700	600	47.0	28,200	
Juniata	800	600	60.2	36,100	
Lancaster	7,700	5,900	73.6	434,000	
Lebanon	2,300	1,300	79.8	103,700	
Lehigh	600	500	74.2	37,100	
Northumberland	1,600	1,300	60.8	79,000	
Perry	1,400	1,100	73.3	80,600	
Schuylkill	800	700	70.9	49,600	
Somerset	1,200	700	63.0	44,100	
Westmoreland	500	400	55.0	22,000	
York	6,600	5,300	83.0	439,900	
North Central, Other Counties	1,100	800	50.0	40,000	
West Central, Other Counties	800	700	60.0	42,000	
Central, Other Counties	2,200	1,900	66.5	126,300	
East Central, Other Counties	500	400	63.3	25,300	
Southwestern, Other Counties	400	300	59.7	17,900	
Southeastern, Other Counties	300	200	72.0	14,400	
Other counties	1,100	900	51.1	46,000	
North Central	1,100	800	50.0	40,000	
West Central	2,500	2,100	53.1	111,500	
Central	8,300	6,800	67.9	461,500	
East Central	1,900	1,600	70.0	112,000	
Southwestern	2,100	1,400	60.0	84,000	
South Central	21,400	16,000	78.4	1,255,000	
Southeastern	16,600	12,400	77.1	956,000	
Other districts	1,100	900	51.1	46,000	
Pennsylvania	55,000	42,000	73.0	3,066,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties' for that specific district. ² Value of production based on preliminary State marketing year average price, released in the July **Agricultural Prices** report published by USDA, NASS.

Who uses Census of Agriculture data?

Census data is used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities – federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations and many others. For instance, companies and cooperatives use the information to determine the locations of facilities that will service agricultural producers. Community planners use the information to target needed services to rural residents. USDA uses the information to ensure that local service centers are staffed at appropriate levels. Legislators use the information when shaping farm policies and programs. And, of course, farmers and ranchers can use Census data to help make informed decisions about the future of their own operations.

ANNUAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during 2007 totaled 1,288.3 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Commercial cattle slaughter, at 945,600 head, was up 10 percent from last year. Of this number, 929,400 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Beef production, at 1,176 million pounds live weight, was up 12 percent from 2006. Average live weight per head was 1,244 pounds, an increase of 16 pounds from last year. Commercial calf slaughter, at 171,500 head, was down 4 percent from a year ago. Veal production, at 67.29 million pounds live weight, was down 5 percent from a year ago. Average live weight per head decreased 6 pounds to 392 pounds per calf. Commercial hog slaughter, at 2,956,900 head, was down slightly from last year. Of this number, 2,943,000 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Pork production was 746.9 million pounds live weight, up 1 percent from 2006. Average live weight increased 4 pounds per head to 253 pounds. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 55,000 head, unchanged from last year. Of this number, 53,700 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Lamb and mutton production was 5.27 million pounds live weight, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 96 pounds. Federally

inspected goat slaughter, at 30,991 head slaughtered for the year of 2007 at 43 plants across Pennsylvania. There were an estimated 245 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2008, of which 91 were under federal inspection.

Nationally, red meat production in commercial plants and on farms totaled 48.8 billion pounds in 2007, 2 percent higher than the previous year. Beef production, at 26.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Veal production totaled 146 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. Pork production, at 22.0 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Lamb and mutton production totaled 188 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2006. There were 808 slaughtering plants under federal inspection in the U.S. on January 1, 2008, compared with 795 last year. Of these, 626 slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2007 with the 14 largest plants slaughtering 54 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 618 plants, with the 11 largest plants accounting for 51 percent of the total. Likewise, 6 of the 232 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 63 percent of the total and 4 of the 480 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2007 comprised about 68 percent of the total head. Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas accounted for 51 percent of the U.S. commercial red meat production in 2007, similar to 2006.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 2007 YEARLY TOTALS

Specie	Unit	PA	U S
Red Meat Prod.....	Million pounds	1,288.3	48,683.8
Cattle.....	1,000 Head	945.6	34,264.0
	1,000 Pounds Live	1,176,021	43,483,106
	Average Live Weight	1,252	1,273
Calves.....	1,000 Head	171.5	758.1
	1,000 Pounds Live	67,285	229,570
	Average Live Weight	393	305
Hogs.....	1,000 Head	2,956.9	109,171.6
	1,000 Pounds Live	746,889	29,313,831
	Average Live Weight	253	269
Sheep & Lambs ...	1,000 Head	55.0	2,693.7
	1,000 Pounds Live	5,273	365,319
	Average Live Weight	96	136

FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS AND HEAD SLAUGHTERED, 2007

Specie	Unit	PA	U S
Cattle.....	Plants	77	626
	1,000 Head	929.4	33,720.7
Calves.....	Plants	38	232
	1,000 Head	171.5	744.8
Hogs.....	Plants	78	618
	1,000 Head	2,943.0	108,138.2
Sheep & Lambs.....	Plants	59	480
	1,000 Head	53.7	2,528.6
Goats.....	Plants	43	397
	1,000 Head	30,991	639,364
Bison.....	Plants	9	132
	1,000 Head	416	50,100

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during January 2008 totaled 113.6 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 3 percent from January 2007.

Beef production, at 107.4 million pounds live weight, was up 6 percent from January 2007. Total head slaughtered was 84,500, up 5 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 10 pounds to 1,282 pounds. Veal production was 5.5 million pounds live weight, down 10 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter, at 14,000 head, was down 10 percent, and average live weight increased 2 pounds to 389 pounds. Pork production, at 64.7 million pounds live weight, was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 251,400, up 2 percent from January of 2007. Average live weight was 258 pounds, up 5 pounds from January of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 368,000 pounds live weight, down 1 percent. The number slaughtered was 3,600, down 3 percent from January of last year. The average live weight increased 3 pounds from January 2007 to 102 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for January totaled 4.42 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 8 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2007. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds. Veal production, at 11.3 million pounds, was 21

percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,500 head, down 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was 55 pounds below last year, at 269 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.6 million head, 13 percent above January 2007. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was down 2 percent from January 2007. Sheep slaughtered totaled 213,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JAN 2008

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	113.6	4,415.9
Cattle	1,000 Head	84.5	2,898.6
	1,000 pounds live	107,431	3,728,434
Calves.....	1,000 Head	14.0	71.5
	1,000 pounds live	5,454	18,985
Hogs	1,000 Head	251.4	10,557.1
	1,000 pounds live	64,672	2,875,461
Sheep & Lambs...	1,000 Head	3.6	213.4
	1,000 pounds live	368	29,649



County estimates for 2007 can now be found online for barley, oats, wheat, corn, soybeans and sorghum.

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